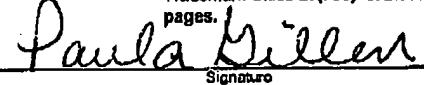


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In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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